

District Judge John H. Chun

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SANJEEV KUMAR, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-1523-JHC

STIPULATED MOTION  
TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE  
AND ORDER

NOTED FOR CONSIDERATION:  
February 15, 2023

The parties, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay the proceedings until March 20, 2023. Plaintiffs are foreign nationals who bring this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and the Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate their I-485 applications, as well as any derivative applications. Dkt. No. 1. Defendants have yet to answer the Complaint. Good cause exists to stay the litigation until March 20, 2023.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
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3       The parties continue to work towards resolution of this litigation. USCIS has adjudicated  
4 twelve of the thirteen Plaintiffs’ applications and issued a Request for Evidence (“RFE”) for the  
5 remaining application. Shortly after USCIS receives this Plaintiff’s response to the RFE, the  
6 agency intends to adjudicate the remaining application. Plaintiffs have agreed to voluntarily  
7 dismiss this case once their applications have been adjudicated, and, if approved, they have  
8 received their lawful permanent resident cards. To give Plaintiff time to submit the RFE response,  
9 as well as allow USCIS additional time to complete the adjudication, the parties stipulate and  
10 jointly request that the Court stay this case until March 20, 2023.

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1 DATED this 15th day of February, 2023.

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**ORDER**

The Parties having so stipulated and agreed, the Court hereby ORDERS that this litigation be stayed until March 20, 2023. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before March 20, 2023.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2023.



JOHN H. CHUN  
United States District Judge